

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Destruction Island Lighthouse Almost Demolished During Great Electric Storm.

BOLT STRIKES MAIN TOWER

Partially Destroys Structure and Stuns Men—No Hope of Floating Ill-fated Schooner Howe.

The Manzanita, Captain Byrne, returned to port yesterday from an extended visit to Alaskan waters. On the way down the Manzanita touched at Destruction Island, where, on Wednesday afternoon, for the first time in the history of this station, all three tenders stationed at Astoria happened to be at the same time. The Columbine and Heather met the Manzanita at the island purely by chance, and, after an exchange of courtesies, proceeded on their respective journeys.

Men returning on the Manzanita report that the Destruction Island lighthouse was almost wiped out of existence on Monday last, when a violent electric storm prevailed along the north Pacific coast. The storm seemed to have centered directly over the island, and a bolt of lightning that flashed out of the black sky struck the main tower and partially demolished it. So severe was the shock that all of the men at the station were affected and stunned for a moment. The damage to the building was not great and repairs have been made so as to enable the keeper to operate the light.

The statement was made yesterday that the electric storm which caused the damage at Destruction Island was by far the worst which ever raged in the northwest, and that more damage was not entailed is regarded as singularly fortunate. It is seldom that western lightning results in damage, and the experience of the men on Destruction Island was a rare one.

THREE LUMBER CARGOES.

Repeat, Charles Nelson and Viking Clear for California.

Three lumber cargoes, aggregating more than 1,300,000 feet, were cleared yesterday at the local customs house. Two of the cargoes—those of the Repeat and Viking—go to San Francisco, and the other, that of the Charles Nelson, to San Pedro.

Lumber shipments were brisk during the first two weeks of February, when almost 10,000,000 feet of lumber was shipped out of the Columbia. The third week saw a slight slump, and the present week has been rather a slow one thus far. However, it is expected three or four other lumber carriers will finish in time to clear this week, and that the aggregate for the month will reach 15,000,000 feet.

The vessels clearing yesterday and their cargoes were as follows:

Repeat	450,000
Charles Nelson	700,000
Viking	180,000
Total	1,330,000

Of the Nelson's cargo 500,000 feet was loaded at Westport and 200,000 feet at Portland.

SCHOONER'S BACK BROKEN.

Mate Moss Says Frank W. Howe Can Never Be Floated.

George Moss, Jr., mate of the ill-fated schooner Frank W. Howe, came over last evening from the scene of the wreck to attend to some business matters, and will return to North beach this morning.

The mate says the back of the schooner has been broken, but that her rudder alone has thus far been carried away by the waves. He confirms the statement that the masts are working loose, and expresses the conviction that the schooner will be broken up within a short time.

Mr. Moss said last evening that it was absurd to think of saving the schooner, the position of which leaves no hope of ever getting her into deep water.

A storm came up last night and this will doubtless make short work of the Howe. Since the wreck occurred the weather has been comparatively quiet, and for this reason the schooner has remained intact.

Accident to Flyer.

The little tug Flyer was almost put out of commission yesterday while at Knappton. The Flyer is owned by the Astoria Lumber Company and has been engaged in towing log rafts. Yesterday morning, as he was backing into Knappton wharf to take on a load of firewood, a wave struck her and

swung her into a scow, damaging the rudder. She is to be placed on the ways here for repairs. The damage resulted in much inconvenience to the men aboard, and it was with difficulty the tug was navigated.

Marina Notes.

The schooner Coats was towed up the river yesterday.

The steamer Charles Nelson arrived down the river yesterday and departed for San Francisco.

The schooner Repeat arrived down the river yesterday and is ready for sea with a lumber cargo. She goes to San Francisco.

The barometer took a downward shoot last night and at 8 o'clock registered 29.29. Storm warnings were displayed last night at the mouth of the Columbia river.

On account of the severity of the weather yesterday, it was impossible to visit the wreck of the schooner Howe, with the result that an accurate statement as to her condition could not be obtained.

The reported arrival of the schooner W. F. Garms late Wednesday night proved erroneous. The vessel which made port was the A. F. Coats, another four-master. The Garms was driven to the north by the gale and has not been sighted since the day the tug made an unsuccessful attempt to tow her into the harbor.

Deputy Collector McCue yesterday completed the measurements of the gasoline launch Panther, built at Leathers' yards for Smiley, Sheldon & Co. The launch's dimensions are: Length, 36 feet; beam, 9.7 feet; depth of hold, 3.95 feet; gross tonnage, 9; net tonnage, 6. The Panther is intended for use as a cannery tender.

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Champhor Price Advances.

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Russian Refugees Cared For.

New York, Feb. 25.—The British cruiser Amphitrite left Wednesday for Colombo with the Russian refugees who escaped from the Varig and the Korietz to the cruiser Talbot, says a Herald dispatch from Seoul. Those who escaped to the Italian cruiser Elba will leave today on an Italian gunboat for Hong Kong, but their final destination is not decided.

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U. S. Engineer Office, Portland, Ore., Feb. 10, 1904. Sealed proposals will be received here for 340,000 tons, more or less, stone for extension of jetty at mouth of Columbia river, Oregon and Washington, until 11 a. m. March 11, 1904, and then publicly opened. Information on application. W. G. Langfit, Major, Engineer.

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